



Town of Arlington Community Development Block Grant
Overview of Draft Substantial Amendment
2024-2025 Program Year 50 Annual Action Plan

Town of Arlington Department of Planning and Community Development

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Program Year 50 Substantial Amendment

The Town of Arlington is including this Substantial Amendment with its 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, covering the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, (Program Year 50) to reprogram unexpended prior years Public Facilities and Improvement funds to respond to the need for additional ADA Accessible Curb Ramps. This Executive Summary provides an explanation of the Substantial Amendment. The full Substantial Amendment can be reviewed at this link: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/cdbg>. All changes are marked in red font (to indicate information from the original Annual Action Plan that the Substantial Amendment updates) or blue font (to reflect the new program and related information that the Substantial Amendment will enable).

Public Facilities and Improvements – Park Projects Funding available for reprogramming

The Department of Planning and Community Development managed Phase II of the Whittemore Park Restoration/ADA Accessibility Project, which was completed with \$100,000 in CDBG funding remaining. The proposed Mystic to Minuteman Bikeway design project was awarded \$35,000 in CDBG funding for Program Year 48. This project was cancelled due to lack of additional grant funding. The Mystic to Minuteman Bikeway project/Mystic River Path Connection to the Minuteman Bikeway is now being funded through the FY2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act. This leaves a total of \$135,000 unexpended prior years resources to be reprogrammed.

Public Facilities and Improvements – Curb Ramps Installation

The Department of Public Works submitted an off-cycle CDBG funding request for the Town's continued Sidewalk Curb Ramp Installation Project. The request is for \$125,000 for the 2024 construction season, which will be completed in Program Year 50. Allocating \$125,000 to this project will enable this project to occur without a reduced scope, and will provide safer sidewalks for Arlington's citizens. The project meets the national objective of Low/Mod Limited Clientele, as it is an activity principally benefiting individuals who are generally presumed to be low to medium income persons, per 24 CFR 1003.208(b)(1)(i). The funds provided to DPW will be in the form of a grant.

Subrecipient & Activity	2024-2025 CDBG Program Budget	Substantial Amendment	Final 2024-2025 CDBG Program Budget	Goal Outcomes
Department of Public Works – ADA Accessible Curb Ramp Project	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	Original Goal: 56 Curb Ramps With the Substantial Amendment: 106 Curb Ramps

Review Process

This substantial amendment is being completed in accordance with HUD policy and with Arlington's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. A 30-day comment period will take place, as advertised through a legal notice in the Arlington Advocate and through electronic notices shared with interested parties and the general public.

The Town will consider any comments or views of residents received in writing or by email in preparing the final Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for submission to

HUD. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the Town's reasons therefore, will be attached to the change submitted to HUD.

Comments can be submitted beginning on **June TBD** through **July TBD** to Mary Muszynski, Community Development Block Grant Administrator, at MMuszynski@town.arlington.ma.us. All comments received and the Town's responses will be included in the substantial amendment that is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

After the Substantial Change is approved by HUD, the Town will make the document available to the public by posting on the Town's website: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/cdbg>.

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